Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Is there not admission to that College to all the classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, all are admitted there.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): For the information of the House, I may say that there was a recent order that the appointments in this College should also be included within the purview of the Staff Selection Board.

SWEET-TODDY—TAPPING OF—IRINJALAKKUDA-CHALAKKUDI RANGE.

357. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many applications for licenses to tap sweet toddy have been received by the Excise Department from the Irinjalakkuda and Chalakkudi ranges in 1114;

(*b*) how many of them have been granted?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): (*a*) & (*b*)

	No. of applications received	*No. granted*
Irinjalakkuda Range	8	7
Chalakkudi Range	13	3

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May know who receives these applications from the applicants?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): The Excise Commissioner.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Whether the Commissioner receives these applications direct or through his subordinates?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): It is done both ways.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ അപേക്ഷകളെല്ലാം നേരിട്ട് ഓരോ വ്യക്തികളിൽനിന്നും സബാർഡിനേറ്റ് ആഫീസർമാർക്ക് അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതൊ അന്നിച്ച് കൂട്ടായിട്ട് അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: ഓരോ വ്യക്തികളിൽനിന്നും കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ അപേക്ഷകളും ഞാൻതന്നെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്, അതൊന്നും ഇതിൽ കാണുന്നില്ല.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Here in the answer, it is given that out of the 13 applicants, only three were granted licenses. May I know the reasons for

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rejecting the other 10 applications?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): They were found to be not from *bona fide* applicants. They applied by the instigation of some persons who were disqualified from bidding.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Evhuvas-Talappalli*): What were their disqualifications?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): They were mostly from people who were advised by some whose licenses were already cancelled.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Evhuvas-Talappalli*): How can the Department know that they were from such persons?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): By making enquiries.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Who made the enquiries in this case?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): By The Department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): By the Excise Commissioner, or by his subordinates?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): By the subordinate officers.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adoor*): After granting licenses, is it not open to the Government to withdraw them if the licensees commit any untoward act?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): Yes. But when it is found at the initial stage that they are not bona-fide applicants, there is no meaning in granting them licenses.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): Will they not be tapping? Who will be tapping after licenses are issued?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): If licenses are granted to these people, toddy will be mis-used subsequently to the detriment of the fermented toddy licensees.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adoor*): Whether it is not open to the Government to take action when toddy is mis-used?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): Yes, it is open to the Government to do so. But at the time of granting the licenses, is it not also the duty of the Government to ascertain beforehand as to the bonafides of these people, rather than subsequently finding out the mis-use, cancel the license?

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Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adoor*): Are Government aware that these applicants are tappers themselves?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): Yes, they are tappers.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adoor*): What is then the incentive of the Government that they are not bona fide candidates?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): They conduct enquiries and as soon as they..... .....

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adoor*): What is the meaning in conducting these enquiries?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): It is usual that when an application is received, an enquiry is conducted to know whether the applicant is a person who is disqualified previously.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adoor*): I may say that there was a resolution in this House. After elaborate discussion in this House, Government said that unless they are convinced that these licenses will not be mis-used, they will never stand in the way of granting these licenses. My purpose in putting these questions is to point out that it is not wholesome on the part of the Government, and to some extent unjust, to conduct enquiry when an application is made by a tapper himself. If there is any instance of mis-use, you can cancel the license.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are the Government aware that there are only 3 toddy tappers in the whole of the Chalakkudi range? Is it an adequate encouragement to the jaggery industry?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): There has been no further application for license.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): I know as a matter of fact that there were some applications from these ranges. Perhaps the Inspectors might have kept these applications in their offices, and not forwarded them. Will the Government be pleased to make some arrangements to receive these applications properly?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*): I shall enquire into this matter.

SALE OF TODDY SHOPS—1113 AND 1114—IRINJALAKKUDA RANGE.

358. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

(ക) ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട റെയിഞ്ചിൽ പെട്ട എല്ലാകള്ളുഷാപ്പുകൾക്കും കൂടി ഫ്രഫസ്സൽ ആകെ എത്ര ഉറപ്പിക ലേലം വകയിൽ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലേക്കു കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടു്;

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